

REMEDIAL SITE ASSESSMENT DECISION - EPA REGION X

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EPA ID: WAD009041450 Site Name: Weyerhaeuser Co. State ID: _____
 Alias Site Names: _____
 City: Longview County or Parish: _____ State: WA
 Refer to Report Dated: 9/23/99 Report Type: Site Reassessment
 Report Developed by: EVE, Inc.

DECISION: See Discussion below

- ☐ 1. Further Remedial Site Assessment under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:
- ☐ 1a. Site does not qualify for further remedial site assessment under CERCLA (No Further Remedial Action Planned - NFRAP)
- ☐ 1b. Site may qualify for action, but is deferred to:
- ☐ 2. Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA:
- 2a. Priority: ☐ Higher ☐ Lower
- 2b. Other: (recommended action)

DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:

ACTION NAME:

- ☐ Other Cleanup Activity: Fed Fac-Lead Cleanup
- ☐ Other Cleanup Activity: Private Party
- ☒ Other Cleanup Activity: State-Lead Cleanup
- ☐ Other Cleanup Activity: Tribal-Lead Cleanup

ACTION LEAD: WA Dept. of Ecology

ACTION DECISION:

- ☐ High Priority for Further Assessment
- ☒ Low Priority for Further Assessment

SUBACTION(S): include start and complete dates, if available

- ☒ Comprehensive SI complete date: 8/5/99 (RI report approved by Ecology)
- ☐ Remedy Selection
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Post-construction Maintenance

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Site Decision Made by: Site Assessment Manager

Signature: Monica Jones

Date: 11/24/2000
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MEMORANDUM

To: John Meyer, EPA Region 10 Task Monitor

Thru: Linda Foster, EPA Region 10 START Site Assessment Manager

From: Julie Howe, START

Date: September 23, 1999

Subj: Site Status Review Report for Weyerhaeuser Site

Ref: EPA Contract No. 69-W6-0008
TDD No. 99-06-0010
CERCLIS No. ORD980665343

Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contractor Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E&E), has been tasked by the EPA to conduct General Accounting Office (GAO) Site Status Reviews for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) sites in Region 10 under Technical Direction Document No. 99-06-0010 for Contract No. 68-W6-0008. The purpose of this review is to determine the current status of these sites, and to determine what response activities, if any, have taken place since the last EPA site assessment or investigation.

Site Location and Description

The Weyerhaeuser Chlor-Alkali Plant site (CERCLIS No. ORD980665343) is located on the north shore of the Columbia River, near the city of Longview, Washington. The geographical coordinates are 46°7' 35.4" north latitude and 122°58' 32.4" west longitude. The site is a recently-closed chlorine and caustic production facility. From the 1950s to mid-1970s, it used a mercury electrolytic cell process to produce chlorine for Weyerhaeuser's pulp and paper mills. Leaks from pumps, valves, and process lines resulted in releases of mercury to on-site soils. In the mid-1970s, Weyerhaeuser converted to a different technology, and by 1976, mercury was no longer used at the plant. In March 1999, Weyerhaeuser ceased chlorine production at this facility.

Summary of Environmental Response Actions

The most recent EPA assessment, investigation, or evaluation of the site was a Level I Site Inspection Prioritization conducted by URS Consultants, Inc. in September 1993. Mr. Paul Skyllingstad from the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Industrial Section was contacted by the START on July 17, 1999. He provided the following summary of recent site activities:

- In June 1998, a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan was approved and implemented.
- In April 1999, a draft RI Report was submitted.
- On August 5, 1999, Ecology approved the RI Report.

The RI Report summarizes the nature and extent of mercury contamination in site soils, groundwater, sediments, and surface water. Based on the results of the RI, a feasibility study will be conducted to establish remedial action goals and remediation levels for soil in order to protect the groundwater.

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List of Attachments

CH₂M Hill Remedial Investigation Report, dated April 1999, (Executive Summary and Introduction only; the entire report is available from Ecology).

Letter from Ecology to Weyerhaeuser, dated August 5, 1999.